

873—2.4(85) Guides to evaluation of permanent impairment. The Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment published by the American Medical Association are adopted as a guide for determining permanent partial disabilities under Iowa Code section 85.34(2) “a” to “s.” The extent of loss or percentage of permanent impairment may be determined by use of this guide and payment of weekly compensation for permanent partial scheduled injuries made accordingly. Payment so made shall be recognized by the industrial commissioner as a prima facie showing of compliance by the employer or insurance carrier with the foregoing sections of the Iowa Workers’ Compensation Act. Nothing in this rule shall be construed to prevent the presentations of other medical opinions or guides for the purpose of establishing that the degree of permanent impairment to which the claimant would be entitled would be more or less than the entitlement indicated in the AMA guide.

This rule is intended to implement Iowa Code section 85.34(2).